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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of: Ables, et al.

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For: STRING BINDERS AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**



Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment and Request for Reconsideration in  
response to the final Office Action in the above-entitled application, mailed  
November 4, 2003.